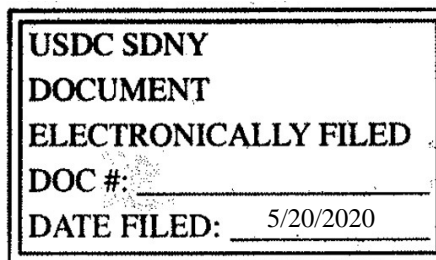


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



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ORDER

VERNON S. BRODERICK, United States District Judge:

I am in receipt of a letter from Defendant Tony Williams (“Defendant Williams” or “Williams”). Williams is represented by the Federal Defenders of New York, and a copy of this letter was sent to defense counsel. Ariel Werner of the Federal Defenders of New York met with Williams and reports that Williams wishes to seek relief related to conditions of his confinement, (Docs. 28, 29), including issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, but has also raised issues of ineffective assistance of counsel. Defender Werner requests the appointment of new counsel to assist Williams in light of the conflict. In light of these facts, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Federal Defenders of New York are relieved as counsel;

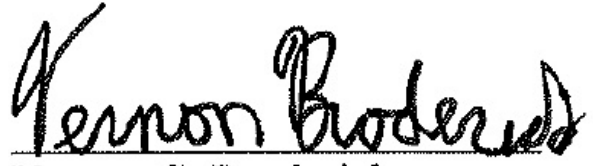
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Donna Newman, Esq., a member of the Criminal Justice Act (“Act”) panel, be appointed *nunc pro tunc* to May 8, 2020, when she was first contacted about representing Williams; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Newman’s representation will relate to the issues raised in Defendant Williams’s letter related to the conditions of his confinement, including issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic which I interpret as a request to pursue a motion for

compassionate release. In interpreting Defendant Williams's letter as a request to pursue a motion for compassionate release I am not making a determination concerning whether or not such a motion is appropriate.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 19, 2020
New York, New York



Vernon S. Broderick
United States District Judge